

**A GENERAL FIXED POINT THEOREM FOR SOME  
COMPLETE METRIC SPACES**

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**ABSTRACT**

We establish a general fixed point theorem which includes results of Khan, Swaleh and Sessa [1] and H.K. Pathak and Rekha Sharma [2] as special cases.

Let  $T$  be a selfmap of a metric space, and define  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ ,  $O(x_0) := \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots\}$ . Throughout this paper  $\psi: R^+ \rightarrow R^+$  is an increasing continuous function with  $\psi(t) = 0$  if and only if  $t = 0$ .

**Theorem** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $T$  a selfmap of  $X$ . Let  $\alpha: R^+ \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow [0, 1)$  be a decreasing map with  $\alpha(t) > 0$  for each  $t > 0$ . Suppose that there exists an  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\overline{O(x_0)}$  is complete. If

$$(1) \quad \psi[d(Tx, Ty)] \leq \alpha(d(x, y)) \psi d(x, y)$$

for each  $x, y \in O(x_0)$ ,  $x \neq y$ , then  $T$  has a fixed point in  $\overline{O(x_0)}$ .

**Proof.** We may assume that  $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$  for each  $n$  since, otherwise,  $T$  has a fixed point. Define  $\tau_n = d(x_n, x_{n+1})$ . Then, from (1),

$$(2) \quad \psi(\tau_{n+1}) \leq \alpha(\tau_n) \psi(\tau_n) < \psi(\tau_n).$$

Since  $\psi$  is increasing, (2) implies that  $\tau_{n+1} \leq \tau_n$ . therefore  $\lim \tau_n = \tau \geq 0$ .

Suppose that  $\tau > 0$ . Then, since  $\alpha$  is decreasing,  $\alpha(\tau_n) \leq \alpha(\tau)$  and, from (2)  $\psi(\tau_{n+1}) \leq \alpha(\tau_n) \psi(\tau_n)$ . Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  gives  $\psi(\tau) \leq \alpha(\tau) \psi(\tau) < \psi(\tau)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $\tau = 0$ .

We now wish to show that  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy. It will be sufficient to show that  $\{x_{2n}\}$  is Cauchy. Suppose that  $\{x_{2n}\}$  is not Cauchy. Then

there exists an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that, for each even integer  $2k$ , there exist subsequences of even integers  $\{2m(k)\}$ ,  $\{2n(k)\}$  such that

$$(3) \quad d(x_{2m(k)}, x_{2n(k)}) \geq \varepsilon \text{ for } \{2m(k)\} > \{2n(k)\} \geq 2k.$$

By the well-ordering principle, for each even integer  $2k$ , let  $2m(k)$  be the smallest even integer exceeding  $2n(k)$  satisfying (3); i.e.

$$(4) \quad d(x_{2n(k)}, x_{2m(k)-2}) < \varepsilon \text{ and } d(x_{2m(k)}, x_{2n(k)}) \geq \varepsilon.$$

Then, for each integer  $2k$ ,

$$(5) \quad \varepsilon \leq d(x_{2m(k)}, x_{2n(k)-2}) \leq d(x_{2n(k)}, x_{2m(k)-2}) + (\tau_{m(k)-2} + \tau_{2m(k)-1}).$$

Taking the limit of (5) as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , and using 94) yields

$$(6) \quad \lim_k d(x_{2n(k)+1}, x_{2m(k)+1}) = \varepsilon.$$

$$\varepsilon \leq d(x_{2m(k)}, x_{2n(k)}) \leq \tau_{2n(k)} + d(x_{2n(k)+1}, x_{2m(k)+1}) + \tau_{2m(k)}.$$

Therefore

$$\varepsilon - \tau_{2n(k)} - \tau_{2m(k)} \leq d(x_{2n(k)+1}, x_{2m(k)+1}) \leq \tau_{2n(k)} + d(x_{2m(k)}, x_{2n(k)}) + \tau_{2m(k)},$$

which on taking the limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , gives

$$(7) \quad \lim_k d(x_{2n(k)+1}, x_{2m(k)+1}) = \varepsilon.$$

Substituting into (1) with  $x = x_{2n(k)}$ ,  $y = x_{2m(k)}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(x_{2n(k)+1}, x_{2m(k)+1})) &\leq \alpha(d(x_{2n(k)}, x_{2m(k)})) \psi(d(x_{2n(k)}, x_{2m(k)})) \\ &\leq \alpha(\varepsilon) \psi(d(x_{2n(k)}, x_{2m(k)})). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit of the above inequality as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , and using (6) and (7), we derive

$$\psi(\varepsilon) \leq \alpha(\varepsilon) \psi(\varepsilon) < \psi(\varepsilon),$$

a contradiction. Therefore  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy. Since  $\overline{O(x_0)}$  is complete, there exists a number  $z = \lim x_n$ .

Since  $\tau_n = 0$  for each  $n$ , there exists an infinite subsequence  $\{x_{n(k)}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $x_{n(k)} \neq z$  for each  $k$ . Using (1),

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} \psi(d(x_{2n(k)+1}, Tz)) &= \psi(d(Tx_{n(k)}, Tz)) \leq \alpha(d(x_{n(k)}, z)) \psi(d(x_{n(k)}, z)) \\ &< \psi(d(x_{n(k)}, z)). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit of (8) as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$(9) \quad \lim_k \psi(d(x_{2n(k)+1}, Tz)) \leq \lim_k \psi(d(x_{2n(k)}, z)) = \psi(0) = 0.$$

Using the triangular inequality,

$$d(z, Tz) \leq d(z, x_{n(k)}) + d(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)+1}) + d(Tx_{n(k)}, Tz).$$

Since  $\psi$  is increasing,

$$(10) \quad \psi(d(z, Tz)) \leq \psi(d(z, x_{n(k)}) + d(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)+1}) + d(Tx_{n(k)}, Tz)).$$

Taking the limit of (10)  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , and using (9) gives

$$\psi(d(z, Tz)) \leq \lim_k \psi(d(x_{2n(k)}, z)) = 0,$$

which implies that  $d(z, Tz) = 0$ , and hence that  $z = Tz$ .

**Corollary 1.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space,  $T$  a selfmap of  $X$ ,  $\psi$  as in the Theorem. Let  $\alpha, b$  be two decreasing functions from  $\mathbb{R}^+/\{0\} \rightarrow [0, 1)$  such that  $\alpha(t) + b(t) < 1$  for each  $t > 0$ . Suppose that  $T$  satisfies

$$(11) \quad \psi[d(Tx, Ty)] \leq \alpha(d(x, y)) \max \{ \psi(d(x, y)), [\psi(d(x, y) \cdot \psi(d(y, Tx))]^{1/2} \} \\ + b(d(x, y)) \min \{ \psi(d(x, Tx), \psi(d(y, Ty)) \},$$

where  $x, y \in X$ . then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Proof.** We first show that (11) implies (1). In (11) set  $x = x_n, y = x_{n+1}$  to obtain

$$(12) \quad \psi(\tau_{n+1}) \leq \alpha(\tau_n) \psi(\tau_n) + b(\tau_n) \psi(\min \{ \psi(\tau_n), \psi(\tau_{n+1}) \}),$$

and assume that each  $\tau_n = 0$ . Suppose that there exists an  $n$  such that  $\psi(\tau_n) < \psi(\tau_{n+1})$ . Then it follows from (12) that

$$\psi(\tau_{n+1}) \leq [\alpha(\tau_n) + b(\tau_n)] \psi(\tau_n) < \psi(\tau_{n+1}),$$

a contradiction. Therefore  $\psi(\tau_{n+1}) \leq \psi(\tau_n)$  for each  $n$ .

From (12),

$$\psi(\tau_{n+1}) \leq \frac{\alpha(\tau_n)}{1-b(\tau_n)} \psi(\tau_n)$$

and (1) is satisfied, since  $f(t) := \alpha(t)/(1-b(t))$  is decreasing in  $t$  for  $t > 0$ . Also, the range of  $f$  is contained in  $[0, 1)$ .

From the Theorem,  $T$  has a fixed point. Condition (11) implies uniqueness.

**Corollary 2.** [1, Theorem 2] let  $\alpha, b, c$  be three decreasing functions from  $\mathbb{R}^+/\{0\} \rightarrow [0, 1)$  such that  $\alpha(t) + b(t) + c(t) < 1$  for each  $t > 0$ . Suppose that  $T$  satisfies

$$\psi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \alpha(d(x, y)) \psi(d(x, y)) + b(d(x, y)) \{ \psi(d(x, Tx) + \psi(d(y, Ty)) \} \\ + c(d(x, y)) \min \{ \psi(d(x, Ty), \psi(d(y, Tx)) \}$$

for each  $x, y \in X, x \neq y$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Proof.** With  $x_n, \tau_n$  as defined in Corollary 1, we have

$$\psi(\tau_{n+1}) \leq \alpha(\tau_n) \psi(\tau_n) + b(\tau_n) \{ \psi(\tau_n), \psi(\tau_{n+1}) \},$$

which implies that

$$\psi(\tau_{n+1}) \leq \frac{\alpha(\tau_n) + b(\tau_n)}{1-b(\tau_n)} \psi(\tau_n).$$

Let  $s < t$ . Then  $\alpha(s) + b(s) \geq \alpha(t) + b(t)$ . Also  $b(s) \geq b(t)$ , which implies that  $1-b(s) \leq 1-b(t)$ , and hence

$$\frac{1}{1-b(s)} \geq \frac{1}{1-b(t)}.$$

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$$(11) \quad \psi[d(Tx, Ty)] \leq a(d(x, y)) \max \{ \psi(d(x, y)), [\psi(d(x, y) \cdot \psi(d(y, Tx))]^{1/2} \} \\ + b(d(x, y)) \min \{ \psi(d(x, Tx), \psi(d(y, Ty)) \},$$

where  $x, y \in X$ . then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Proof.** We first show that (11) implies (1). In (11) set  $x = x_n, y = x_{n+1}$  to obtain

$$(12) \quad \psi(\tau_{n+1}) \leq a(\tau_n) \psi(\tau_n) + b(\tau_n) \psi(\min \{ \psi(\tau_n), \psi(\tau_{n+1}) \}),$$

and assume that each  $\tau_n = 0$ . Suppose that there exists an  $n$  such that  $\psi(\tau_n) < \psi(\tau_{n+1})$ . Then it follows from (12) that

$$\psi(\tau_{n+1}) \leq [a(\tau_n) + b(\tau_n)] \psi(\tau_n) < \psi(\tau_{n+1}),$$

a contradiction. Therefore  $\psi(\tau_{n+1}) \leq \psi(\tau_n)$  for each  $n$ .

From (12),

$$\psi(\tau_{n+1}) \leq \frac{a(\tau_n)}{1-b(\tau_n)} \psi(\tau_n)$$

and (1) is satisfied, since  $f(t) = a(t)/(1-b(t))$  is decreasing in  $t$  for  $t > 0$ . Also, the range of  $f$  is contained in  $[0, 1)$ .

From the Theorem,  $T$  has a fixed point. Condition (11) implies uniqueness.

**Corollary 2.** [1, Theorem 2] let  $a, b, c$  be three decreasing functions from  $\mathbb{R}^+/\{0\} \rightarrow [0, 1)$  such that  $a(t) + b(t) + c(t) < 1$  for each  $t > 0$ . Suppose that  $T$  satisfies

$$\psi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq a(d(x, y)) \psi(d(x, y)) + b(d(x, y)) \{ \psi(d(x, Tx)) + \psi(d(y, Ty)) \} \\ + c(d(x, y)) \min \{ \psi(d(x, Ty), \psi(d(y, Tx)) \}$$

for each  $x, y \in X, x \neq y$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Proof.** With  $x_n, \tau_n$  as defined in Corollary 1, we have

$$\psi(\tau_{n+1}) \leq a(\tau_n) \psi(\tau_n) + b(\tau_n) \{ \psi(\tau_n), \psi(\tau_{n+1}) \},$$

which implies that

$$\psi(\tau_{n+1}) \leq \frac{a(\tau_n) + b(\tau_n)}{1-b(\tau_n)} \psi(\tau_n).$$

Let  $s < t$ . Then  $a(s) + b(s) \geq a(t) + b(t)$ . Also  $b(s) \geq b(t)$ , which implies that  $1-b(s) \leq 1-b(t)$ , and hence

$$\frac{1}{1-b(s)} \geq \frac{1}{1-b(t)}.$$

Therefore  $(a(t) + b(t))/(1-b(t))$  is a decreasing function of  $t$  and its range is included in  $[0, 1)$ . Theorem 1 then applies to give a fixed point. The contractive condition implies uniqueness.

**Corollary 3.** [2, Theorem 2] let  $a, b$ , be two decreasing functions from  $\mathbb{R}^+ \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow [0, 1)$  such that  $a(t) + b(t) < 1/2$  for each  $t > 0$ . Suppose that  $T$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \psi[d(Tx, Ty)] \leq & a(d(x, y))\{\psi(d(x, y)) + c[\psi(d(x, y))\psi(d(y, Tx))]^{1/2}\} \\ & + b(d(x, y))\{\psi(d(x, Tx) + \psi(d(y, Ty))\} \end{aligned}$$

for each  $x, y \in X$ . where  $c \in [0, 1]$  such that  $a(t)(1+c) < 1$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Proof.** With  $x_n, \tau_n$  as in Corollary 1, we have

$$\psi(\tau_{n+1}) \leq a(\tau_n)\psi(\tau_n) + b(\tau_n)\{\psi(\tau_n) + \psi(\tau_{n+1})\},$$

which implies that

$$\psi(\tau_{n+1}) \leq \frac{a(\tau_n) + b(\tau_n)}{1 - b(\tau_n)} \psi(\tau_n).$$

As in the proof of Corollary 2,  $(a(t) + b(t))/(1-b(t))$  is a decreasing function of  $t$  with range included in  $[0, 1)$ . Therefore, from Theorem 1,  $T$  has a fixed point. The contractive condition implies uniqueness.

Note that the conditions on  $c$  are not needed.

With  $\psi$  the identity mapping,  $a \equiv k$  one obtains the Banch contraction principle.

With  $\psi$  the identity mapping, one obtains the result of Rakotch[3].

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